Prime Minister's visits

1214. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days the Prime Minister was out of country during the last one year;

(b) the number of countries Prime Minister visited during his absence from India;

(c) the number of States in India, Prime Minister has visited during the last one year; and

(d) when the Prime Minister will visit the State of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) 36 days.

(b) 9 countries.

(c) 17 States|UTs.

(d) No firm date has been fixed so far.

Infiltration of Bangladeshis into India

1215. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'able Minister had said in Assam last month that too many people were infiltrating into India from Bangladesh and that proper steps were not being taken to stem this tide;

(b) whether the Assam Chief Minister has said that there are no infiltrators in Assam;

(c) whether the Chief Minister of Assam has actually allotted Char lands to infiltrators; and

(d) what action Government of India propose to correct the C.M. of Assam in the matter and stop and reverse this influx?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Government's attention has been drawn on a number of occasions to infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into India. This is a serious problem over which the Central Government have also expressed their concern.

To a question asked by pressmen, the Chief Minister of Assam had indicated that the rate of growth of population in Assam during 1971—91 was less than the country's growth rate as a whole and hence, according to him, the Census figures did not show any unusual increase in the State's population. He suggested that on the basis of the Census figures, it could not be said that Assam was full of foreigners.

According to the State Government no Char land has been allotted to infiltrators.

The has, however, been large increase in the population in some of the States of the North East which is attributable largely to the influx of Bangladesh nationals, particularly, in the infiltration prone border districts.

Central Government have accordingly taken a series of steps to prevent infiltration which include strengthening of Border Security Force, Implementation of Mobile Task Force (MTF), Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF) Schemes, construction of border roads and fence, issue of identity cards, setting up of Tribunals etc. The matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh and some modalities have been arrived at for the Border Security Force to hand over certain categories of illegal migrants/infiltrators to Bangladesh Rifles.

Secular Police Force

1216. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the press report which

appeared in the 'Times of India' dated 14th June, 1994 that the Minorities Commission want a "Secular Police force"; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating any special recruitment in the force".

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since 'Police' is a State subject the recruitment to the police forces is the concern of State Governments. However, under the 15 point programme for the upliftment of minorities, enunciated by the Government of India in 1983, the need to give special consideration to minorities in the recruitment of State Police forces was stressed. State Government has been advised from time to time to take special steps to encourage candidate from the minority communities for recruitment in the police forces and to ensure that the police forces retain their secular character.

Setting up of a Computerised Criminal Information System

1217. SHRI T. VENKATARAM REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any progress has been made under the project for setting up of a nation-wide computerised criminal information system during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c the steps being taken for the effective implementation of the project: and

(d) by when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. Selection of Hardware and Soft ware for the project have been made and product conformity tests have been completed. Seven application Software packages have been developed and installed Forther, the process of imparting training to CCIS personnel is under way. A monitoring Committee have also been set up consisting of the representatives of the Government of India and State Governments to monitor the implementation of the project. The project is expected to be completed by June, 1995.

TADA detenues

1218. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons detained under TADA in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh from 6th December, 1992 onwards;

(b) what is the number out of them arrested between 6th December, 1992 to the date of Bombay bomb blasts and the number of persons detained after the Bombay bomb blasts in Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(c) what is the break up about Muslims, Hindus, Christians and Sikhs;

(d) what is the number of designated Courts which have been established to try the cases under TADA in Maharashtra and Gujarat; and

(e) by when these cases are likely to be disposed of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The infomation on number of persons detained under TADA is not maintained datewise and community-wise by this Ministry.

(d) As per available information, the Government of Maharashtra and Gujarat have established 8 and 18 Designated Courts to try cases under the Act, respectively.

(e) The Government, an Executive Body, is not in a position to say how